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SUBJECT: IMCO: SELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. IN COURSE MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH GEOFFREY BRIGSTOCKE, HEAD, SHIPPING POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT TRADE AND INDUSTRY, HE BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF SUCCESSOR TO COLIN GOAD AS SYG OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION. BRIGSTOCKE, WHO "DISCOVERED" NINPUNO, POTENTIAL INDONESIAN CANDIDATE, NOW SAYS HE BELIEVES NINPUNO WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR POST (REFTEL PARA 2). HE AGREES THE TWO EUROPEAN CANDIDATES, SCHULD OF THE NETHERLANDS AND BREUER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, HAVE VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF BEING SELECTED.

2. ATTENTION THEREFORE CENTERS ON MENSAH OF GHANA AND SRIVASTAVA OF INDIA. FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED (YOUTH, INEXPERIENCE, MORALE PROBLEMS IN IMCO SECRETARIAT IF MENSAH "PROMOTED" OVER MORE SENIOR OFFICERS), BRITISH OPPOSE MENSAH. THIS LEAVES INDIAN, AND BRIGSTOCKE MADE IT PLAIN THAT UKG ATTRACTED TO POSSIBILITY OF SRIVASTAVA AS NEXT SYG NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE IS LAST LEFT AFTER

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ELIMINATION OF OTHERS, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS INTRINSIC STRENGTH. BRIGSTOCKE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW SRIVASTAVA PERSONALLY, OTHERS IN UKG AND PRIVATE CIRCLES HAVE SPOKEN VERY HIGHLY OF HIM BOTH AS A PERSON AND AS A PRACTICAL SHIPPING MAN. BRIGSTOCKE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, WHILE BY NO MEANS COMMITTED TO ANYONE AT THE MOMENT, HIS GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING CAREFULLY AT POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING SRIVASTAVA.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD CONCLUDE FROM ABOVE THAT, TO EXTENT UKG SHIPPING OFFICIALS CAN INFLUENCE SELECTION, BRITISH WILL ULTIMATELY COME DOWN ON SIDE OF SRIVASTAVA.

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